

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1-22. (canceled)

23. (currently amended) A method of ~~providing nutrition and~~ softening infant stools, said method comprising: ~~feeding the infant the formula of Claim 1~~

(A) treating a soy protein material with a phytase-containing enzyme and then water washing the enzyme treated material immediately following completion of the enzyme treatment to a phytic acid concentration of less than about 0.3% by weight of the resulting enzyme treated soy protein,

(B) preparing an infant formula containing

(i) from about 2.0% up to about 5.4% by weight of lipid,

(ii) from about 5.4% to about 10.8% by weight of carbohydrate,

(iii) from about 0.7% to about 2.4% by weight of the water-washed, phytase-treated soy protein, and

(iv) from about 10 mg to about 600 mg of calcium per liter to form a calcium to lipid weight ratio within the formula of from about 0.002 to about 0.020, and then

(C) feeding the formula to an infant resulting in a reduced mean rank stool consistency as compared to a control soy formula without water-washed, phytase treated soy.

24-27. (canceled)

28. (new) The method of claim 23 wherein the formula comprises from about 2.7% to about 4.5 % by weight of lipid, from about 6.1% to about 8.8% by weight of carbohydrate, and from about 1.0% to about 2.3 % by weight of phytase-treated soy protein.

29. (new) The method of claim 23 wherein the formula comprises from about 300 mg to about 550 mg of calcium per liter.

30. (new) The method of claim 23 wherein the weight ratio of the calcium to the lipid is from about 0.010 to about 0.017.

31. (new) The method of claim 23 wherein the formula contains not more than about 1.4 mg phytic acid per 100 kcal of formula.

32. (new) The method of claim 23 wherein the water-washed, phytase-treated soy protein contains less than about 0.05% by weight of phytic acid.